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SUN MEMORIAL BEING REDECORATED -- Hong Kong Hsin-shen Wan-pao, 9 Sep 50

The Central People's government has sent men to redecorate the Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall and Memorial Tablet. According to unconfirmed reports many high officials wanted to change the name of the hall to People's Assembly Hall. The extreme radicals wanted to call it Lenin Memorial Hall, but did not gain the consent of the highest authorities. This is the first time, in their 10 months' regime in Canton, that the Communists have paid any attention to any monuments in Dr Sun's honor.

DISCOURAGE OBSERVANCE OF RELIGIOUS FESTIVAL -- Hong Kong Hsin-sheng Wan-pao,
27 Aug 50

The long-observed Festival of the Deliverance of Lost Souls, a Buddhist custom, has received very little attention in Canton this year. It comes on the 15th of the seventh moon of the Lunar Calendar, which this year coincided with 27 August. As of the 26th, very few homes had made offerings by burning joss-paper and other articles to be used in the spirit-world. Communist cadres had warned citizens not to notice this superstitious festival, but did not issue a strict prohibition. For some days, the tax-office had been sending out field-workers to inspect shops that deal in material used for superstitious practices. The tax on these goods is 25 percent, so prices have been raised, resulting in a sharp drop in sales.

MOON FESTIVAL CAKES EXPENSIVE -- Hong Kong Hsin-sheng Wan-pao, 15 Sep 50

With the advent of the Moon Festival (26 September), cake shops have been busy preparing the famous moon cakes, which used to sell for 50 cents to one dollar in Hong Kong currency. The cheapest now sell at one dollar and more, while very fancy ones cost more than 25 dollars. Anticipating small sales because of the high price, bakers are limiting their production. In the interest of the austerity program, the government has prohibited the usual decorations in front of bakeshops. A 30-percent luxury tax has been placed on all sales of moon cakes.

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OBTAIN PEACE PETITION SIGNATURES -- Hong Kong Shih-pao, 13 Sep 50

Communist leaders have lately been giving much effort to getting signatures to the world peace petition. They estimate the population around Canton as 3 million, and hoped for $1\frac{1}{2}$ million signatures. For all their striving, they admit getting only about 600,000.

Communist leaders, in starting the movement, first approached heads of schools with orders to have all students sign, and heads of labor unions, to have all members sign. Then cadres and school teachers were sent into the country on a house-to-house canvass for names. Signing cost nothing and was the quickest way to get rid of the canvassers. Stands were set up at street corners in all communities and all passers-by "requested" to sign. One individual would sign four or five times as he passed by such stands -- the only way he could get by. In one community, when signing lagged, the entire bureaucracy of 450 was regimented into 34 squads for a house-to-house canvass.

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